

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY
REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

November 9, 2006

On November 9, 2006, the Commissioners of the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) convened a special meeting in the FCRHA Board Room, One University Plaza, 4500 University Drive, Fairfax, Virginia.

CALL TO ORDER

FCRHA Chair Conrad Egan called the Special Meeting of the FCRHA to order at 7:03 p.m. FCRHA Commissioners present or absent for a portion or all of the meeting were as follows:

PRESENT

Conrad Egan
Ronald Christian
Martin Dunn
Willard Jasper
H. Charlen Kyle
Albert McAloon
Robert Schwaninger

ABSENT

John Kershenstein
Elisabeth Lardner
Lee A. Rau
John Litzenberger

Also present at the meeting were the following staff of the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD): Paula C. Sampson, Director; Mary A. Stevens, Deputy Curtis Hall, Director, Information Systems and Services; Audrey Spencer-Horsley, Associate Director, Real Estate Finance and Grants Management REFGM; Steve Knippler, Housing Community Developer, IV, REFGM; and Winifred A. Clement, FCRHA Assistant.

PUBLIC HEARING

**Proposed Revised and Updated Falls Church/James Lee/Southgate
Neighborhood Improvement Program and Conservation Plan (Providence District)**

The Chairman opened the Public Hearing at 7:05 p.m. With no one signed up and no one in the audience wishing to speak, the Chair requested a presentation on the plan but left the Public Hearing open for participation.

A brief presentation was given by Steve Knippler, Housing Community Developer, IV, REFGM; on the history of the revised plan. Mr. Knippler introduced representatives from the James Lee community in the audience in support of the plan. The Chair welcomed all and thanked them for their hard work, accomplishments, and their support for the James Lee community over the years.

As requested by the Chair, Mr. Knippler and others in the audience gave details on how the community came to be called James Lee.

Harolyn Smith spoke on behalf of the neighborhood and thanked the FCRHA for the support and hard work.

Commissioner Schwaninger applauded the James Lee community for the time, energy, and actions they have expanded in improving and protecting their community and for rejecting elements that promise improvements but which only erode the fabric of their community. Commissioner Christian thanked the audience for their work in the community and for their presence at the meeting. He asked them to feel free to express themselves at the meeting. Commissioner Kyle noted that she had been a member of the Falls Church Community since 1941 and felt that is what the CDBG funds were meant to accomplish. The FCRHA Chair concurred with Commissioner Kyle.

Mr. Knippler informed the Commissioners that the Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on November 20 at 5:30 p.m. He invited the James Lee Community present in the audience to attend and support for the plan.

The Chairman closed the public hearing at 7:19 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

1. RESOLUTION NUMBER 96-06

APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REVISED AND UPDATED FALLS CHURCH/JAMES LEE/SOUTHGATE NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND CONSERVATION PLAN (PROVIDENCE DISTRICT)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Redevelopment and Housing Authority (FCRHA) approves the revised and updated Falls Church/James Lee/Southgate Neighborhood Improvement Program and Conservation Plan as presented to the FCRHA at its special meeting on November 9, 2006 and authorizes submitting this recommendation to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and the Falls Church City Council for final action.

A motion was made by Commissioner Christian, seconded by Commissioner Jasper, that the FCRHA adopt Resolution Number 96-06. After a brief discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Dunn, seconded by Commissioner McAloon, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. A vote was taken and the motion carried by unanimous consent.

(Seal)

Conrad Egan, Chair

Paula C. Sampson, Assistant Secretary